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Franklin Local Board chair steps down



Angela Fulljames has her sights set on new challenges, and will step down from the Franklin Local Board this year.

After more than a decade serving on the Franklin Local Board, current chair Angela Fulljames (from Clevedon) says that now is the right time to step down.

When the possibility of a role on the Franklin Local Board first arose 12 years ago, Angela wasn't initially sure she wanted the job. But egged on by her family, and with added encouragement from local politicians Bill Cashmore and Jan Sinclair, she threw her hat in the ring. She was voted in, and what initially was supposed to be a 3-year role evolved into a 12-year commitment, including 6 years as chairperson.

At the time of her election to the board, Angela was running her own business and was also chair of the Clevedon Community and Business Association. She was familiar with the area and says it was the region's potential that excited her the most.

"Once I get into something I feel that if I've got unfinished business, I want to see it resolved, which is why I stayed for 12 years. I wanted to finish on a high, I didn't want to be one of those politicians that have people saying 'when are they going to retire?'. It's important to let other people enter in, with new perspectives. There's still unfinished business but I

feel comfortable that now is a good time."

Angela says the role has stretched her comfort zone and skills. "Now I need some more stretching in a different way, by doing new things."

Looking back over her 12 years, Angela is proud of many key projects the board has been involved in, particularly the Hūnua Traverse, the Unlock Pukekohe project, and working on concept plans for Sunkist Bay and Clevedon.

The flipside to positive development is dealing with planning and development changes, and Angela admits that has been the most challenging part of her job.

"Things like Zealandia, quarry expansions, landfills, Countdown Beachlands, Ardmore Hall, the 2017 Ness Valley floods – all those things which create tension in the community, and where as part of the board you're caught in the middle. Handling those and people expecting you to change the whole system. Learning how much influence you can have. It's difficult when people are emotionally driven. Now I think I'm more ok with having my comfort zone stretched

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Editorial by Orere Community & Boating Club

The Ōrere Community & Boating Club (OCBC) has had a different kind of year, marked by weather-related disruptions that led to the postponement of several events. The OCBC committee rose to the challenge, showing great adaptability and teamwork.

Throughout the year, we encountered a number of new challenges. One of our major fundraising fishing competitions had to be cancelled due to unsafe weather conditions. Rather than let this setback halt our momentum, we quickly devised a new plan. We moved the event from the beach to the Ōrere War Memorial Hall, and it turned out to be a fantastic day. The hall was filled with laughter, great food (including slow-cooked beef rolls, hot chips, and chicken nuggets), quick-fire raffles, and prizes donated by our wonderful sponsors.

Despite the last-minute changes, the event was a success, proving that with a little creativity and a lot of community spirit, anything is possible. Feedback from the day was overwhelmingly positive, and it served as another reminder of what makes our community so special.

We also trialled changes to our event format and menu this year, breaking from tradition and embracing new ideas. Our goal is always to keep things fresh and inclusive for everyone, and we're proud of the outcomes we've achieved.

Thank you to all who supported us in 2024 – we look forward to another great year ahead!

Looking ahead: join the OCBC committee

As we approach the end of the year, the OCBC committee would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters who have helped make our events and activities possible.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 24 August 2025 at 10am at the Ōrere War Memorial Hall. This is your opportunity to get involved and help shape the future of our community.

If you're passionate about Ōrere Point and want to make a difference, we invite you to consider joining our committee. We welcome new members with fresh ideas and a willingness to contribute. To be nominated, you must be a financial member. If you're interested, please contact Edward Pram at 027 878 3849 or eddieorere@xtra.co.nz.

After the AGM, our newly elected committee will continue tackling key

issues that affect our community. These include long-standing concerns such as:

- upgrading toilets at the beach reserve
- fixing potholes around Ring Road
- improving drainage
- installing better lighting in public areas.

Many of these issues have been raised with Auckland Council and the Franklin Local Board for over a decade. If elected again, I will continue advocating strongly on your behalf to ensure our needs are heard and met.

What the Council needs to recognise is that Ōrere Point attracts thousands of visitors during the summer months — and it's vital that our infrastructure reflects that.

Let's work together to ensure a brighter, safer, and more enjoyable future for our community.

Edward Pram Chairperson Ōrere Community & Boating Club



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Youth Council's free movie night proves a huge success



The Pohutukawa Coast Youth Council members, pictured at their free community screening of Wonka last weekend.

The Pohutukawa Coast Youth Council (PCYC) says it is thrilled with the success of its inaugural movie night last Saturday evening. Behind the scenes, the PCYC crew worked hard to ensure the event ran smoothly, from planning and logistics to sound and lighting. About 200 people attended the free screening of Wonka held at Te Puru.

PCYC spokesperson Ty Mealings says the night showcased the leadership, creativity, and dedication of the region's youth. "We're proud of what our team accomplished," says Ty. "It's more than just a movie night, it's about bringing the community together and showing what young people can do when given the chance."

The audience was treated to a half-time live performance featuring local youth talents Ty Mealings, Chloe Ronberg, Annalee Killip and Charlotte Smith. Ty says the act was met with great applause and added an exciting burst of live energy to the evening.

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and not taking things on board personally." Angela leaves at a time of change within many of the board's local communities, including Clevedon and Beachlands where plan changes are now coming into effect.

"More communities generally across Franklin are moving from rural to urban which brings different sorts of people who haven't been in a rural environment before. There's more pressure on the environment with weather events, which seem to be more frequent. I think the trick for Wairoa will be connecting with these new residents, so that we don't lose that connection with people. Now is a good time for someone else to step into my role, so they can have some time to get their feet under the desk and learn the ropes."

Angela says she looks forward to seeing a number of local projects reach completion under the direction of a new board. "Clevedon village heart, the hall and carpark, the showgrounds. Nikau Pā is an exciting project too, and I'd really like to see how that shapes up - having Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki as a partner in that is great, there's a really lovely opportunity there."

"When I can walk along the top of the Sunkist Bay seawall it will be a wonderful moment! That is well needed," she says, referring to the many iterations of plans to rebuild some version of a seawall at the eastern end of the beach.

A new high school in the area would be is we are trying to fix or solve, it doesn't nice to see too, she says.

Economic development is something Angela has always been interested in and involved with, and she says she is "really pleased" with where that's heading under the direction of the board.

Infrastructure and funding are possibly the biggest issues facing Franklin, she says.

"Drury is massive and I'm not sure that certain parties really fully appreciate the scale and what is needed at scale. There's going to be more transition time and growing pains and disruption.

"Also trying to keep a handle on the cost of things. The RMA process currently underway might help with that. We need to be enabling and partnering, we need to be alongside rather than trying to block – and that's where councils and agencies need to be more linked up. Dropping their guard on protecting their own patch and being more pragmatic about the end user."

Working in local government has given her a "fascinating" insight into leadership and public service, she says, having witnessed varying styles of leadership and chairing meetings.

"I've always tried to be politically neutral. You've got to be relatable to all people. I wouldn't say I'm an overly political person, but party politics around the local board or governing body table is actually not helpful. We should vote on what is best for the issue at hand – what it matter whether you are left or right.

"You don't have to be loud to be leading, it's what you're doing and how you're doing it. Maggie Eyre [presentation coach for ex Prime Minister Helen Clark] told me to always be yourself, don't try and be somebody you're not."

Angela says that public service is never going to be a perfect thing.

"Sometimes decisions have to be made not just for the current community but for future communities, so you're constantly balancing people's needs over the future."

Angela's advice to incoming board members would be to put ego and selfpreservation aside.

"Be genuine to yourself, your values, be respectful of other people's viewpoints. We don't have to like everybody but be respectful and professional. Don't burn bridges, and be respectful of other's views and circumstances that you may not be fully aware of.

"Make decisions on what is best for now, but also for the future. There's times where it's not going to be easy. Some decisions people won't like, but if you've made them with good intent and you come to your meetings with good intent to come up collectively with a team the best decision, then you can stand behind that. I think the most important thing for new members, and the new board, is if they can work as a unit and stand together behind their

decisions as a board, and find the best way they can to work together and trust each other.

"I've never made a decision thinking 'how will this turn out for me personally' in my job."

Angela says she is appreciative of the people she has worked with who have been supportive and encouraging along the way. "I get a kick out of connecting people and seeing good things that transpire," she says.

On the subject of the upcoming Auckland Council elections, Angela says it is common during election campaigns to see candidates doing great speeches and stirring people up.

"Then getting voted in and not being interested. For the upcoming election, if you're trying to choose a candidate, it's thinking about what do people do rather than what they say, and what have they done already."

Angela has her future sights set on a new business which involves turning recycled vulcanised tyre waste into roading material for items like roundabouts and pedestrian crossings. She says it's a good fit for her design and project management background, and local government experience.

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